The correct operation of a home, a business, or a government depends upon the intelligent participation of all the members comprising each. That is why the pattern of a self-governing society like ours requires alert and active citizens in it.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

62 BILLION BUYS A LOT

During the federal government's fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, it took in in taxes from the American people the staggering sum of 62 billion dollars.

To give you an idea of just what this sum would do for this nation along various lines, please peruse the following:

1. That much money would buy every family in America all of these:

. . . a **$300** television set

. . . a **$300** automatic washing machine

. . . a **$375** refrigerator

. . . a **$75** radio

. . . and a **$500** vacation

2. $62 billion would build 2,000 new **$10,000** homes in **every one** of the **3,070** counties in the U. S.

3. Or it would build **TEN** new 32 million hospitals in each of the **3,070** counties.

4. $62 billion would build a road like the New Jersey Turnpike around the world with **3,778** miles to spare. The Jersey Turnpike cost included some of the world's most expensive land.

5. One man, counting **$100** bills diligently for **40** hours a week would have to work **77½** years to count $62 billion.

6. The $62 billion would more than pay for all the food **154** million Americans ate last year.

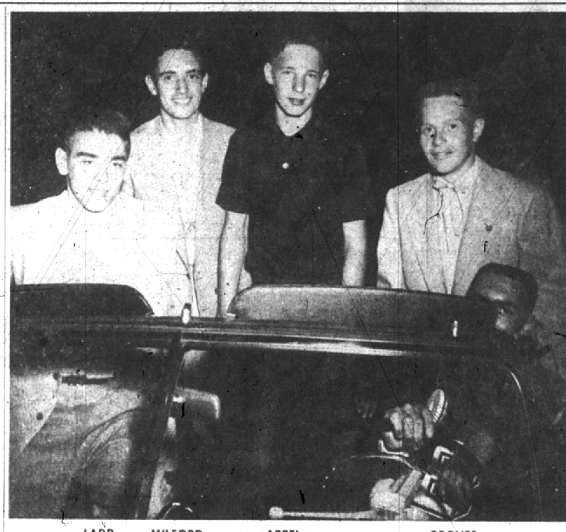
7. In silver dollars loaded **50** tons to a freight car, $62 billion would require **36,530** cars and make a train **307** miles long.

8. $62 billion would pay off all of the mortgages on all of the homes and farms in the U. S.

9. $62 billion would maintain our **3,320,000** miles of highways and build all new ones needed for the next **11** years.

10. $62 billion would pay America's bread bill for **36** years.

11. $62 billion is **$3.9** billion less than the Government spent. The annual interest charge on this addition to the national debt equals one day's earnings of **4,485,000** **$100**-a-week American wage earners.



LADD MILFORD APPEL GROVES

Little Bigger Leaguers leave for Trenton, N. J. train.

Two Men Are Killed, One Injured, In Air Crashes

Two plane crashes in this area within the last week have claimed the lives of two men and injured a third.

Early Sunday morning Richard Corning, age 35, Pleasant Ridge resident and co-owner of the Corning restaurants, and Gordon H. Anderson, age 33, 565 West Long Lake, Bloomfield township, were killed when Anderson's Aeronica L-8 crashed into a field at Sixteen-Mile road and Coolidge, Troy township.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's department, Anderson, a veteran World War II Army Air Force pilot, landed at nearby Berz airport at 7 a.m. and a second man, believed to have been Corning, boarded the ship, and the plane returned to the air.

Twenty-five minutes later the ship crashed.

Two Birmingham residents were the first to reach the scene. They were Beverly Boyd, 285 Hawthorne, and James E. Goodman, 757 Pleasant.

GORDON H. ANDERSON
Bloomfield resident killed
(Joe Wheeler Photo)

BOYD WAS HORSEBACK riding near the field and told police that the plane was skimming the tree tops seconds before the accident. Boyd watched the plane bank and believed that the pilot would

(See Pictures on Page 6, Section 1)

gain altitude when it suddenly nosed into the ground, burying the propeller and engine.

Civil Aeronautics Authority investigators checked the demolished plane and could find nothing mechanically wrong that could have caused the crash.

Corning is survived by his wife, Anne, and two children, Rebecca, nine, and Richard, four.

ANDERSON IS survived by his wife, Beatrice, and a daughter, Yvonne. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Coldwater, and a twin brother, Robert C. Anderson.

He was born in Windsor, Ont., Canada, Oct. 6, 1918, and came to the United States when he was one year old.

He was self-employed as a landscape architect.

His body was taken from Peters Funeral Home, Detroit for services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bethesda Missionary Temple, then to Coldwater for burial. The Rev. M. D. Beall, pastor of the Temple, officiated.

Last Wednesday, Aug. 13, a plane owned by a Birmingham man, crashed near Pontiac, injuring the pilot who was testing the ship.

DALE WESTFALL, age 32, of the Civil Aeronautics Administration Regional Offices in Chicago, suffered a twisted ankle when he parachuted from the plane and was treated at Pontiac General hospital.

The plane was owned by Howard E. Cousins, 1652 Birmingham boulevard, and was undergoing final tests before being licensed by the CAA. The plane was a total loss.

School District Teachers Approved

Seventeen teacher appointments were approved by the Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night.

New instructors, their grades and schools are listed below:

Eleanor G. Bettison, kindergarten at Adams school; Robert Axe, industrial arts at Ilkeston; Delores Sheeran, fifth grade at Baldwin; Joyce Judd, English at the high school; Jacqueline Schouten, fourth grade at Adams; Albert Schumm, fifth grade in Adams; Jessa Lee Gibson, fourth grade at Adams; Robert Smilay, sixth grade at Baldwin; Edith Vargo, English at Barnum.

Ellen Bowlby, sixth grade at Baldwin; Elizabeth Rose LaVire, art in the elementary schools; Bette Keller, art at Barnum; Catherine Robinson Reed, sixth grade at Baldwin; Lois McDonald, first grade at Pierce; Louise Schemm, fourth grade at Bloomfield Village school; Alice Maher, English at Barnum; Marilyn Ritzman, first grade at Pierce.

Water Department Bonds Are Called

City commissioners Monday night instructed Director of Finance William J. Johnson to pay to the debt service fund $11,360 from the water surplus cash fund to pay the water department share of general obligation bonded indebtedness.

These are Series B-1 refunding bonds which will be paid out of the water department's surplus.

The commission further directed Johnson to advance $9,000 to the debt service fund from the city general fund to cover payment of general obligation Series A-2 refunding bonds to be called as of Oct. 1, 1952. This money represents surplus funds now in the debt service fund.

All flashes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE ENterprise 6319.

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an
ECCENTRIC WANT AD
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Thursday Morning
First Call

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Board To Study Adult Education For High School

Birmingham Board of Education members Tuesday night voted to give consideration to an adult education program at the new high school.

Prompted by a request of Mrs. William Burlingame, 370 South Glenhurst, to teach a horticultural therapy course at night in the new school, board members agreed that such a program was probably in demand, and that the school be opened for school district residents to use.

Board Member Richard Sauerbrun opined that the board would probably be approached for many such courses and should be in a position to accept or deny the responsibilities of an adult education program.

The board instructed Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland to review the possibilities of setting up at least a limited program and to find just what the costs of heat and light would be to operate each course.

Bloomfield Hills Board Approves School Addition

The Bloomfield Hills Board of Education Monday night approved preliminary plans for a five room addition to the Wing Lake school at an approximate cost of $275,000.

Tentative plans call for a bond issue for the sum to be voted on by school district voters on Sept. 8. Effect of the bond issue on the millage rate has not been determined.

Superintendent John Jacobs stated that the school district would probably experience a lessening of the millage rate caused by the Vaughan school addition by next year.

O'Dell, Hewlitt and Luckenbach, local architectural engineers, designed the plans for the addition that will include four class rooms, an all-purpose room and kitchen.

JACOBS SAID that with the addition the school would accommodate all elementary children in the Wing Lake area.

Grades one through five will be housed in the Wing Lake school this year unless the number of students forces the fifth grade to be transferred to the Vaughan school.

The auditorium at Vaughan is already divided into three sections to be used as elementary class rooms.

The board also approved the hiring of an administrative assistant to Jacobs. The new man is Irving Meunuci of Keego Harbor. Menucci comes to the Bloomfield Hills schools after teaching school at Keego Harbor. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan College and Wayne University.

All-Stars Leave For Tournament In Trenton, N. J.

Birmingham's Little Bigger League all-star team boarded a pullman Monday night bound for Trenton, N. J., and the league's Little World Series this week.

Accompanied by Co-managers Rub Thompson and Kermit Ambrose and Dr. Edwin Deer, the team is slated for an all-expense paid trip and new uniforms for tournament play.

The Coca Cola company, sponsors of the national playoffs, will outfit the eight teams in the series. Each team is champion of a geographical zone.

BIRMINGHAM MADE good its bid for the tournament by defeating teams from Steubenville, Ohio, and Kankakee, Ill., in games here last week.

Birmingham's first game will be against El Campo, Tex., Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The seven other teams are from Boys Town, Neb., Stamford, Conn., Newport, Tenn., Hazelton, Pa., West Des Moines, Iowa, and Pasadena Calif.

The tournament will be a one-game knockout with the championship games on Saturday.

Some 25 parents of Birmingham players will make the trip to watch Wednesday's game. A side trip of sight-seeing in New York is being planned for the boys.

Station Account Closed

The city commission Monday night appropriated $1,585.47 for payment of preliminary plans for the proposed Bowers fire station and voted to close the fire station's account until the project is deemed a necessity again and reopened. The bond issue to finance construction of the station was defeated at the polls early in the spring. The commission has requested manager Egbert and fire chief Griffith to present data on expansion of the fire department in December.

Authority Is Blocked On Answer

Birmingham commissioners Monday night elected to defer further action of the South Oakland Garbage and Rubbish Authority until some action is taken by other South Oakland communities.

The commission received a report from the Huntington Woods city commission asking that a joint meeting of all member city representatives and governing bodies to discuss a solution to the site selection.

Commissioners agreed that a joint incinerator was the only economical solution to the disposal problem, but agreed even further that they did not have the answer to the incinerator's location.

They refused to take any action to leave the authority, an action contemplated by both the cities of Oak Park and Berkley.

THE AUTHORITY, besieged on all sides from property owners throughout the southern part of the county, is at a standstill.

Two proposed sites, one in Royal Oak township, which in reality is in Oak Park, and a second in Oak Park, have already been spurned. Any further attempt to place the incinerator anywhere near the center of population for the ten member communities is expected to meet with the same opposition.

Meanwhile the rubbish and garbage disposal problem grows more acute. Most SOC communities dispose of their garbage at commercial piggeries. Berkley now is in hot water over contents of their garbage and its effect on the pigs at one of the farms.

Other cities face similar trouble from state health authorities who point to the unhealthy aspect of garbage fed pork sold on the open market.

AN UNNAMED CITY is reportedly having difficulties with the present dumping site for its rubbish. Royal Oak township dumps have long been under fire by township officials and numerous suits in court will some day end operation of all dumps in the township.

Many Southfield township residents are up in arms over Ferndale's use of a dumping site next to the Fons Trailer camp on Greenfield.

The problem grows more complex.

The next step will have to be one of the Authority.

They have very little choice in solving the difficulty. They may either dissolve the Authority by common consent of the member communities and wrack their brains finding new dumping sites, or they may undertake what appears now as an impossible task to find an acceptable site or find a new disposal method.

City's 'Hibernation' Wins Hearty Approval Of Police and Firemen

Birmingham seems to have hibernated, and, as far as the police and fire departments go, it's okay.

Police are checking doors and windows, issuing tickets for minor traffic violations and receiving reports of missing persons from neighboring departments.

Firemen answer a few calls, mostly grass fires, at that, and find that they are in the midst of an unusually quiet and inactive period.

Both departments are fervently hoping that the trend will continue for a long time to come.

"Let's keep it this way," is the opinion expressed by both sides, "it shows the town's doing all right."

Four of the ten German students, in the United States on an "exchange" basis, arranged by the U. S. State Dept., are pictured above as they attended the Birmingham city commission meeting Monday night. They arrived here 11 days ago, by airplane from Germany, and for a month will be guests of local families. Then they will attend various universities and colleges for the coming school year, later returning to their homeland. Reading from left to right: Commissioner Watkins, Mayor Beier, Com. Main, student Dieter Zerrer, 24, of Offenburg; Com. Renfrew, student Bernd Kellner, 20, of Emmendingen; student Peter Knolle, 21, of Mainz; Com. Patterson, Com. Minor, and behind Minor is student Werner Schmidt, 20, of Stadtlohn. Asked what they think about the U.S.A. so far, they collectively agreed: "Your country is wonderful; we like it very much!"
(Eccentric Staff Photo)

6½ Miles of Gas Mains To Be Laid Here This Year

Replacement of existing gas mains in Birmingham by the Consumers Power Co. for 1952 involve approximately six and one half miles of six, four and two inch steel pipes. Already over two miles of it have been laid, according to Arthur Lee, district manager for Consumers.

There are two phases of the project, one in which mains are laid lengthwise on streets, after which services will be run from these mains to each house basement. The old mains will be left in the ground.

"WHEN THE SERVICE lines are ready to be connected to each home, the occupant will be given personal notice, since there will be a brief time when gas will not be available," said Mr. Lee. "No cost, of course, is assessed against the users."

The new mains will carry 10 pounds of pressure up to the meter, where it will then be reduced to a quarter of one pound pressure within each house.

Mains already have been laid in portions of Chesterfield, W. Maple, Baldwin, Randall, Willets, Merrill, Eton Rd., Bates and E. Lincoln.

MAINS AND SERVICES yet on the program include portions of Oakland, Adams, Edenborough, Old Aslem, Lake Park Dr., Midland, Willow Lane, Hazelwood, Woodland, Cole and Ridgedale.

Also on Mohegan, Riveroak, Worth, Daines, Townsend, Martin, Merrill, Stanley, Henrietta and Frank.

Dutch Elm Blight Still A Problem To City's Trees

The dreaded Dutch Elm disease, discovered in many South Oakland County communities, is still a serious threat to Birmingham, city officials state.

City manager Donald C. Egbert, in a report to the city commission, said that Birmingham may be the only SOC city that sprayed trees on city property twice this year, once in the spring and again in the summer.

He added that if the disease is to be controlled and conquered, every SOC community must join in extensive spray programs to protect non-infected trees, but their neighboring cities.

THE REPORT STATED that the city has 18,000 Dutch elms, many on private property, therefore the responsibility of residents. An extensive plague of the disease could easily result in the loss of several hundred thousand dollars worth of trees.

City commissioners urge all residents to spray and trim elm trees on their property or face the expensive task of having the trees removed.

While commissioners pondered the answer to the problem, a Birmingham landscape architect, Lawrence Smith, 135 North Woodward, removed a diseased tree at Eleven-Mile and Evergreen, Lathrup township, and found the disease to be the Dutch elm blight when samples were sent to the Michigan State College for testing.

Egbert added that spraying would not be effective again until the early spring of next year.

Cemetery Debt Covered

A $217 deficit of the Greenwood Cemetery operating fund was charged to the city's general fund Monday night vy city commissioners, reducing the debt owed by the cemetery's operating fund to $1,058.62. The city is now in a position to issue a voucher for this debt.

Quarton Building Needs Outlined By Supt. Ireland

See Architect's sketch on Page 5, Part 1

This is the second in a series of articles being presented by the Birmingham board of education, through the cooperation of The Eccentric, giving the facts and statistics behind the board's proposal to ask school district electors at a special November election for a $3,000,000 bond issue to be used for two new elementary schools, five school sites, and additions to six present grade school.

At the request and on behalf of the school board, School Supt. Dwight B. Ireland is writing the articles. The following article concerns Quarton school, its facilities and building needs.

By DWIGHT B. IRELAND
Supt., B'ham. Public Schools

A great deal of study has been given to the advisability of adding a wing to Quarton elementary school. The present kindergarten enrollment for 1952-53 is 108 pupils. A total of 505 children will be housed in this school in 1952-53.

It would seem logical that this enrollment would require two kindergarten rooms and three rooms on each grade level. At the present time there are two kindergartens, two first grade rooms, one combination first and second grade room, two second grade rooms, two third grade rooms, one combination third and fourth grade room, two fourth grade rooms, and three fifth grade rooms.

The two sixth grade rooms are being transported to Baldwin Elementary School.

This total enrollment of approximately 477 children in the six grades (including the children transported to Baldwin elementary school) could be accommodated nicely in 18 classrooms and would place 27 pupils under each teacher.

AS THE GROWTH in this area increases, and new residential areas are developed south of Maple road, a school can be planned for this area.

At the present time there are only 129 children south of Maple, according to Dr. Holy's survey of last spring, and it will be some time before this number will increase to approximately 360 children which is the minimum number to justify the construction and operation of a school plant.

Even if the number of children in Quarton school were reduced sufficiently to free two classrooms, they could be used to great advantage as art and music rooms and provide services that would completely justify their construction.

BECAUSE OF this belief, the board of education has requested Frederick Madison, architect, to design an addition to this school using a contemporary style which will provide spacious classrooms.

These classrooms will be 27' X 40' in size and will afford teachers an opportunity to carry on an activity type of program, which will be functional and effective in terms of the learning process.

This addition will also provide a cafeteria which will furnish hot lunches for children. It will also be a place for many types of group activity which will add greatly to the effectiveness of the school program.

Provisions will also be made for the principal's office in the new wing together with an outer office and a waiting room.

A TEACHERS' rest room will be provided on the second floor. An adequate storage space for audio-visual aids and for the storage of supplies and equipment will be included.

The former principal's office will be used for conference rooms by the visiting teacher, speech corrections and helping teacher in reading. The library also will be restored to active use. This in turn will permit the re-establishment of the health center which has been unduly crowded under present conditions.

Thus, Quarton elementary school again will have the necessary physical facilities to carry on an effective program of elementary education for the children who reside in this portion of the school district of the City of Birmingham.

NEXT WEEK: Torry school—its needs and a building proposal.

Birmingham High Faces Nine Game Football Schedule

Birmingham high school's football team will play a nine game schedule this fall with the opening game at Romulus, Sept. 19, and the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Royal Oak closing the schedule on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Other teams Birmingham's varsity team will face will be Mt. Clemens (here) Oct. 3, Ferndale (there) Oct. 10, Hazel Park (there) Oct. 17, East Detroit (here) Oct. 22, Port Huron (here) Oct. 31, Waterford (here) Nov. 7 and Berkley (there) Nov. 14.

Season's tickets for the games will go on sale at the high school sometime during the middle of September.

Birmingham's coaching staff urges residents to back this year's team the same way they supported last year's squad. "Spirit is the thing," according to Head Coach Vince Secontine. "The boys play better ball when the home rooting section is full."

Will BHS Students Walk To School?

A sidewalk on Lincoln between Southfield and Cranbrook may depend on how many Birmingham high school students vote "yes" on the question of whether to walk to school or not.

Lincoln residents at the city commission meeting Monday night requested proof that this walk was a necessity before the city assessed them for the improvement.

Many said that they felt the traffic of students on foot did not warrant a sidewalk which, they contended, would mar the beauty of their properties.

City commissioners instructed city manager Donald C. Egbert to approach the school board on finding the number of students that would walk to school if the sidewalk were constructed.

Bids for the sidewalk contracts were to be opened by the city Wednesday of this week. The bids will be deferred until a reply from the school board or other action by the commission.

STRICTLY FRESH

With the steel strike settled we can probably figure on paying more for that new car which we couldn't afford in the first place.

Two newlyweds who were marooned on an Italian mountain after their marriage have set out on their honeymoon—hiking across the Alps. Their's will be an uphill marriage.

A London optical company reports that it has sold two plane loads of monocles to African west

coast natives in the past two months. If austerity continues Britons will be wearing grass skirts.

Two Marines in Korea got nine Red snipers in a week by using a decoy method. One stood in full view while Reds shot at him; the other shot the exposed Reds. Most hunters wish they had a decoy who could "duck" so well.

A Boston doctor says tired business men should take one-month vacation twice a year. That'll give them plenty of time to hunt new jobs.

Eccentric to Increase Subscription Rates

Effective August 21, 1952, subscription rates for The Birmingham Eccentric will be increased slightly. Necessity for this comes about as the result of unprecedented additional labor and newsprint costs over the past several years.

Within Birmingham and Oakland County the yearly subscription rate is increased 50 cents, or from $2.50 to $3.00. Instead of five cents per copy on newsstands, the new rate will be seven cents per copy.

The out-of-county rate per year also is increased 50 cents, or from $3.50 to $4.00.

New, also renewal subscriptions received up to and including August 21, 1952, will be accepted at the current rates.